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RE:

Court of Appeals Number: 02-13-00452-CV

Trial Court Case Number: CV-2012-03217

Style:

Sevier Enterprises, Inc.

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The Euclid Chemical Company

Under the Alternative Dispute Resolution Act, this court has a duty to encourage the early settlement of cases pending on its docket. See Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. §§ 154.001-.073 (West 2011 & Supp. 2013). It appears to the court that this case may be appropriate for referral to an alternative dispute resolution procedure.

The court will refer the case to mediation unless a party files written objections to the referral by **Thursday**, **January 16**, **2014**. If an objection is timely filed, the court will determine whether there is a reasonable basis for the objection and then issue an appropriate order.

We prefer the parties to agree upon a mediator, but we are prepared to appoint one if the parties cannot reach an agreement. Please notify the court of your agreed choice of mediator within ten days after receiving this notice.

As you know, mediation is a mandatory but nonbinding settlement conference conducted with the assistance of an impartial mediator. Mediation is confidential. After mediation, the court will be advised only that the case did or did not settle.

All parties named in the suit must be present during the entire mediation process, and each corporate party must be represented by an officer with

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authority to negotiate a settlement. Costs of mediation will be borne equally by the parties unless all parties and the mediator consent to some other arrangement.

A referral to mediation shall not delay or modify any time period relating to disposition of this case except as otherwise ordered by this court.

All communications with the court concerning the referral of the case to mediation should be directed to Debra Spisak, Clerk, Court of Appeals, Second District of Texas, 401 W. Belknap, Suite 9000, Fort Worth, TX 76196.

Respectfully yours,

DEBRA SPISAK, CLERK

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